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Infantry

1. Organization of new Chinese Communist infantry forces began in September 1951. By the end of June 1952 fourteen divisions had been organized and given basic training. One division was stationed at each of the following places: Lanchow and Tihua, Northwest China; Chungking and Kunming, Southwest China; Nanking, Hsuehou and Tsinan, East China; Hankow, Changsha and Kaifeng, Central and South China; Tientsin and Taiyuan, North China; Changchun and Mukden, Northeast China.
2. All enlisted men of these divisions have had the equivalent of a primary school education. Junior and political officers are all graduates of basic infantry school or political workers' schools. Regimental and division grade cadres are all graduates of advanced infantry schools or of a military academy.
3. The equipment is all Soviet-type, and was delivered in installments from the USSR under the terms of the Sino-Soviet arms lease and sale agreement.¹ Soviet advisers will assist in training these units during a one-year training program.

Artillery

4. By the end of June the Chinese Communists had organized and given basic training to 15 new artillery regiments.² Six of these are rocket artillery regiments, each with 30 x 76 mm rocket guns³ and 12 x 122 mm rocket guns;³ 6 are howitzer regiments, each with 46 x 105 and 122 mm howitzers; 3 are mixed artillery regiments, each with 12 x 76 mm rocket guns, 4 x 122 mm rocket guns, 12 x 76 mm guns, 12 x 105 mm howitzers and 9 x 45 mm anti-tank guns. Fifteen separate artillery training bases were established to train these units.
5. One mixed artillery regiment and one howitzer regiment are in Northwest China; one rocket artillery regiment and one howitzer regiment are in Southwest China; one

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rocket artillery regiment and two howitzer regiments are in East China; two rocket artillery regiments and one howitzer regiment are in Central and South China; one rocket artillery regiment and one mixed artillery regiment are in North China; and one rocket artillery regiment and one howitzer regiment are in Northeast China.⁴

6. The equipment is all Soviet-type, except for the usual number of American-made guns used in artillery regiments of the Southwest and Northwest Military Areas.

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. [] Soviet Military Equipment for the Chinese
25X1 Communist Army []
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. [] stated that the artillery regiments given above do
25X1 not include volunteer units now engaged in combat in North Korea.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. This office does not know of any rocket guns, nor of
rocket launchers with these calibers. It is possible that "rocket" is an error
in translation, perhaps for self-propelled artillery.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. Location of one mixed artillery regiment has been
omitted, perhaps inadvertently.

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